

REMARKS

In the Office Action¹, the Examiner rejected claims 17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Kinoshita* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0179962); and allowed claims 4, 5, 7-11, 14-16, 18, 19, 21, and 22. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 4, 5, 7-11, 14-16, 18, 19, 21, and 22.

Applicant cancels claims 17 and 20. Claims 1-3, 6, 12, and 13 were previously cancelled. Thus, claims 4, 5, 7-11, 14-16, 18, 19, 21, and 22 remain pending and under current examination.


Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Nevertheless, in order to advance prosecution, Applicant cancels these claims, rendering their rejection moot.

Since all remaining claims have been allowed, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass this application to issue. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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